

## State Health Insurance Program

# What is SHIP?

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The State Health Insurance Program ("SHIP") provides free help to New Jersey Medicare beneficiaries who have problems with, or questions about, their health insurance.

SHIP is a statewide program sponsored by the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services' Division of Senior Affairs with funding from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Health Care Financing Administration.

Frequently there are questions about Medicare benefits and claims, Medicare supplement policies, and long-term-care insurance. Counselors, trained in health insurance

coverage and benefits which affect Medicare beneficiaries, provide information and assistance for dealing with claims and evaluating health insurance needs.

Counselors do not provide legal advice, sell, recommend or endorse any specific insurance product, agent, insurance company or Health Maintenance Organization (H.M.O.). They provide information and assistance so that you can make your own decision. Counseling is free of charge.

If you suspect Medicare or Medicaid fraud call 1-800-792-8820.

### COUNSELORS ARE AVAILABLE AT:

**ATLANTIC COUNTY**  
Office of Intergenerational Services  
1-888-426-9243

**BERGEN COUNTY**  
Senior Services  
201-336-7413

**BURLINGTON COUNTY**  
RSVP  
609-894-9311 ext. 7498

**CAMDEN COUNTY**  
Senior Services  
856-858-3220

**CAPE MAY COUNTY**  
Office of Aging  
856-886-8138

**CUMBERLAND COUNTY**  
Office of Aging  
856-453-8066

**ESSEX COUNTY**  
Senior Center Hotline  
973-643-5710

**GLOUCESTER COUNTY**  
RSVP  
856-468-1742

**HUDSON COUNTY**  
Senior Services  
201-271-4322

**HUNTERDON COUNTY**  
Office of Aging  
908-788-1361

**MERCER COUNTY**  
RWJ UNN. Hosp. @  
Hamilton  
609-584-5900

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY**  
Office of Aging  
732-745-3295

**MONMOUTH COUNTY**  
Family & Children's Service  
732-222-9111

**MORRIS COUNTY**  
RSVP  
973-989-5773

**OCEAN COUNTY**  
Seniors Services  
732-929-2091 or 1-800-668-4899  
(In Ocean County only)

**PASSAIC COUNTY**  
Senior Services  
973-881-4950

**SALEM COUNTY**  
Office of Aging  
856-935-7510 ext. 8622

**SOMERSET COUNTY**  
RSVP/Office of Aging  
908-704-6319

**SUSSEX COUNTY**  
Senior Services  
973-579-0557

**UNION COUNTY**  
SHIP  
908-273-6999

**WARREN COUNTY**  
Office of Aging  
908-475-6591

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